

*9<sup>th</sup> Form Olympiad Answer Key*

**STAGE III NATIONAL STUDENTS OLYMPIAD IN THE ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE**

**Listening Comprehension Test for 9 Form Students**

**Why Lea of Lebanon Wants to Leave Home**

*Task 1. Choose whether the statements are True or False.*

**False** \_\_\_ 1. Lea lives with her mom and dad and six siblings.

**False** \_\_\_ 2. Lea lives in the Muslim area of Beirut.

**False** \_\_\_ 3. Beirut is now one of the most dangerous places on earth.

**True** \_\_\_ 4. Lea speaks English, French, Arabic and Portuguese.

**False** \_\_\_ 5. Lea is sixteen years old.

**False** \_\_\_ 6. Lea does not want to leave Lebanon.

**True** \_\_\_ 7. St. George's Church is just a few blocks from Lea's apartment.

*Task 2. Choose the best answer.*

8. The war in Syria is raging \_\_\_\_\_ miles to the west.

a) **fifty**

b) sixty

c) forty

d) thirty

9. "Saints' faces are painted on a special paper that can be peeled off, rolled up and \_\_\_\_\_ to safety if the church is attacked".

a) spiced

b) speared

c) splinted

d) **spirited**

10. The journalist says that the other major force in Lea's life, besides school, is:

a) War

b) **Church**

c) Her parents

d) Brazil

11. Lea's mother is from

a) **Brazil**

b) Portugal

c) Lebanon

d) Syria

12. Lea's father:

- a) has lived all his life in Lebanon.
- b) immigrated to Lebanon from Portugal.
- c) was a refugee from the war in Lebanon.**
- d) was a refugee from the war in Syria.

13. When the journalist says that, "Lea sees this fragile world around her and understands that to achieve her goals here, she's got to focus." **Fragile** most likely means:

- a) Exciting
- b) Safe
- c) Unstable**
- d) Sturdy

14. This recording is mainly about:

- a) The life of fifteen year old Lea and her desire to leave her home country to find meaningful work.**
- b) The life of sixteen year old Lea and her desire to leave her home country to find meaningful work
- c) The dangerous lives that many people live in war torn Lebanon
- d) The love story of Lea's parents, who fell in love in Brazil.

15. The journalist says that things that Lea enjoys include:

- a) playing computer games
- b) attending mosque
- c) painting her fingernails dark blue**
- d) dancing

## 9<sup>th</sup> Form Reading Answer Key for Regional Olympiad

1. A
2. C
3. D
4. A
5. C
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. A
11. C
12. B
13. A
14. D
15. B

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